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SUBJECT: KENYAN PATROL BOATS: STATUS REPORT

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1. KENYAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS BEEN EFFUSIVE IN ITS THANKS TO USG, AND ESPECIALLY TO US NAVY, FOR ASSISTANCE BEING RENDERED KENYAN PATROL BOATS BY USS CAPODANNO.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORTS BOTH FROM CAPODANNO AND THROUGH KENYA NAVY CHANNELS OPERATION IS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY. HIGH-SEAS RENDEZVOUS WAS EFFECTED EVENING AUGUST 26. CAPODANNO HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN ESCORTING KENYAN PATROL BOATS TOWARD MOMBASA. CAPODANNO PLANS REFUEL PATROL BOAT WITH LEAST AMOUNT OF FUEL AFTER-NOON AUGUST 27, AND IF THAT IS SUCCESSFUL ANOTHER PATROL BOAT WILL BE REFUELED. ETA MOMBASA IS PM 28 AUGUST
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OR AM 29 AUGUST.

3. KENYAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE REQUESTS THAT NO REPEAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO THIS MATTER. IT IS THEIR VIEW, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND, THAT PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH NECESSITATED THE CALL FOR ASSISTANCE WOULD BE EMBARRASSING. THE EMBASSY THEREFORE ASKS THAT DEPARTMENT AND OTHER USG AGENCIES REFRAIN FROM VOLUNTEERING INFORMATION TO THE PRESS OR PUBLIC ABOUT THE KENYAN NAVY'S DIFFICULTIES OR THE CAPODANNO'S ACTIONS.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DESPITE CONCERN ABOUT PUBLICITY, COMMANDER OF KENYAN NAVY WILL HOST PARTY FOR COPODANNO OFFICERS AND CREW AS DIRECT EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

5. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AFTER CAPODANNO AND PATROL BOATS ARRIVE MOMBASA.
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